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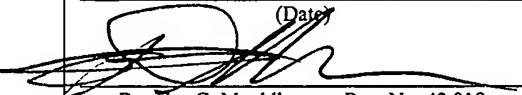
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 App. No. : 10/084,689
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 For : APPARATUS AND METHOD
 FOR SUTURING IN
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 Examiner : Bradford C. Pantuck
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Mailed May 28, 2004 in 6 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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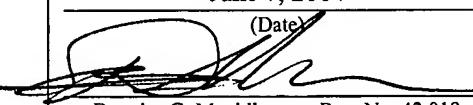
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT MAILED MAY 28, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 28, 2004. In response, Applicant resubmits the "Amendment of Claims" section of its May 13, 2004 Response to Office Communication. As requested, the "Amendment of Claims" section has been revised to include a complete listing of all of the claims. The revised "Amendment of Claims" section is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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